

SUBCHAPTER 8. PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES FOR MINOR FACILITIES (AND MAJOR FACILITIES WITHOUT AN OPERATING PERMIT)

Subchapter Historical Note

Unless otherwise expressly noted, all provisions of this Subchapter were adopted pursuant to authority of N.J.S.A. 26:2C-8 and 26:2C-9 and were filed and became effective prior to September 1, 1969. Subsequent revisions were filed January 4, 1973, as R.1973 d.10 to become effective on March 5, 1973. See: 4 N.J.R. 184(b), 5 N.J.R. 38(a). Additional revisions were filed March 29, 1976, as R.1976 d.96 to become effective on June 1, 1976. See: 7 N.J.R. 308(a), 8 N.J.R. 221(c). See section annotations for subsequent rulemakings.

Public Notice: General Permit (GP-010) for Degreasing Operations Using Non-HAP Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). See: 35 N.J.R. 3966(b).

Law Review and Journal Commentaries

Transition Game: NJDEP's Air Pollution Control Program. James Sherman, 162 N.J.L.J. 301 (2000).

7:27-8.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Actual emissions" means the rate at which an air contaminant is actually emitted, either directly or indirectly, to the outdoor atmosphere, in units of mass per calendar year, seasonal period, or other time period specified by the Department.

"Agricultural commodity" means any vegetable matter or animal matter.

"Air contaminant" means any substance, other than water or distillates of air, present in the atmosphere as solid particles, liquid particles, vapors or gases.

"Air quality impact analysis" means a procedure, entailing the use of air quality simulation modeling, for determining whether air contaminant emissions will result in ambient air concentrations that exceed standards established for the protection of human health and welfare and the environment.

"Air quality simulation model" means a mathematical procedure, taking into account the dispersive capacity of the atmosphere, meteorological data, topography, and other relevant factors, to predict the concentration of an air contaminant in the ambient air. Such procedure may entail use of a mathematical model or a physical model.

"Air stripping equipment" means equipment used to transfer any air contaminant from water or other liquids directly or indirectly into the outdoor atmosphere including, but not limited to, packed columns and water spray equipment.

"Ambient air monitoring" means the measurement of concentrations of one or more air contaminants in the outdoor atmosphere.

"Amendment" means a change made to a permit and certificate under N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.21, Amendments.

"AP-42" means the January 1995, 5th edition version of the manual entitled "Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors," which is published by the EPA, and including supplements A, B, C, D, E, F and G and any subsequent revisions. This document may be obtained from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161, (703) 487-4650; or from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, (202) 783-3228. In addition, this document can be accessed electronically through the EPA technology transfer network chief site on the world-wide web at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/ap42.html>.

"Banking" means the reservation of creditable emission reductions, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-18, for future use as emission offsets.

"Category I" means a class of applications which require less review and are therefore subject to a lower fee than Category II applications. A Category I application is an application which covers a significant source which includes the following types of equipment:

1. Metalworking equipment including, but not limited to, welders, grinders, and drill presses;
2. Enclosed stationary solid material handling equipment using pneumatic, bucket or belt conveying systems that have particulate control apparatus that achieves a minimum removal efficiency of 99 percent and the particulate control apparatus serving the equipment;
3. Plastics machining or extruding equipment;
4. An open top surface cleaner which is equipped with a cover and free-board chiller. This does not include any surface cleaner which uses a HAP; and
5. Used oil space heaters which burn on-specification used oil and have a capacity of 500,000 British Thermal Units per hour or less for which a registration has not been filed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-20.3. The terms space heater, on-specification used oil, and registration are as defined in N.J.A.C. 7:27-20.1.

"Category II" means a class of applications for a preconstruction permit or certificate for certain types of significant sources. Category II applications are subject to different fees than Category I applications. Applications which are not defined above as belonging to Category I are Category II applications.

"Certificate" means either an operating certificate or a temporary operating certificate, which is legally valid.

"CFR" means the United States Code of Federal Regulations.

"Class I substance" means an air contaminant that is listed in 42 U.S.C. § 7671a(a), or promulgated by EPA in a Federal rule, as a substance that has been found to cause or contribute significantly to harmful effects on the stratospheric ozone layer.

"Class II substance" means an air contaminant that is listed in 42 U.S.C. § 7671a(b), or promulgated by EPA in a Federal rule, as a substance that is known or may reasonably be anticipated to cause or contribute to harmful effects on the stratospheric ozone layer.

"Clean Air Act" or "CAA" means the Federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq.; and any subsequent amendments or supplements to that act.

"Commercial fuel" means solid, liquid, or gaseous fuel normally produced or manufactured, and sold for the purpose of creating useful heat.

"Compliance inspection" means the on-site examination by representatives of the Department of equipment or control apparatus to determine if the requirements of this subchapter and other applicable laws have been and are being complied with.

"Compliance plan change" means a change made to a permit and certificate under N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.19, Compliance plan changes.

"Construct" or "construction" means to fabricate or erect equipment or control apparatus at a facility where it is intended to be used, but shall not include the dismantling of existing equipment or control apparatus, site preparation, or the ordering, receiving, temporary storage, or installation of equipment or control apparatus. Unless otherwise prohibited by Federal law, this term shall also not include the pouring of footings or placement of a foundation where equipment or control apparatus is intended to be used.

"Consumer Price Index" or "CPI" means the annual Consumer Price Index for a calendar year as determined year to year using the decimal increase in the September through August, 12-month average for the previous year of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), as published by the United States Department of Labor.

"Control apparatus" means any device which prevents or controls the emission of any air contaminant directly or indirectly into the outdoor atmosphere.

"Conveyorized surface cleaner" means a surface cleaner through which the parts to be cleaned are moved by means of a continuous, automatic system.

"Criteria pollutant" means any air contaminant for which a national ambient air quality standard has been promulgated under 40 CFR 50 or for which a State ambient air quality standard has been promulgated in N.J.A.C. 7:27-13.

"Delivery vessel" means any vehicle designed and constructed or converted to be capable of transporting liquid VOC cargo such as gasoline or fuel oil. This term includes, but is not limited to, tank trucks, tank trailers, railroad tank cars, and marine tank vessels.

"Department" means the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

"Distillates of air" means helium (He), nitrogen (N₂), oxygen (O₂), neon (Ne), argon (Ar), krypton (Kr), xenon (Xe), and carbon dioxide (CO₂).

"Domestic treatment works" means a publicly or privately owned treatment works and includes a treatment works processing primarily domestic wastes together with any ground water, surface water, storm water, or industrial process wastewater that may be present.

"Domestic waste" means waste derived from humans, animals, households, restaurants, cafeterias, hotels, hospitals, markets, and similar installations.

"Dry cleaning equipment" means equipment, located at a commercial establishment, used for cleaning textiles or garments, in which the cleaning agent is a chemical or petroleum solvent.

"Dump" means a land site at which solid waste is disposed of in a manner which does not protect the environment, is susceptible to open burning, or is exposed to the elements, vectors and scavengers.

"Effective stack height" means the distance to the plume center line from the ground as determined by adding the plume rise to the physical height of the stack.

"Effluent limitation" means any restriction on quantities, quality, discharge rates, concentration of chemical, physical, thermal, biological, or other constituents of a pollutant. This term shall have the same meaning as defined for the term "effluent limitation" at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-1.9.

"Emergency" means any situation which arises from sudden and reasonably unforeseeable events beyond the control of a facility, such as an act of God, which requires immediate corrective action to restore normal operation and which causes the facility, due to unavoidable increases in emissions attributable to the emergency to exceed a technology-based emissions limitation set forth in its preconstruction permit and certificate in effect. This term shall not include non-compliance caused by improperly designed equipment, lack of preventive maintenance, careless or improper operation, or operator error.

“Emissions” means any air contaminant or category of air contaminants discharged directly or indirectly into the outdoor atmosphere.

air pollutant or any pollutant listed under 42 U.S.C. § 7412(b).

“Emissions unit” means any part of activity of a stationary source that emits or has the potential to emit any regulated

(c) An air quality impact analysis shall demonstrate whether the maximum controlled emissions stated on the preconstruction permit application may cause:

1. A violation of any State or Federal ambient air quality standard;
2. Any exceedance of a PSD increment as defined in 40 CFR Part 52;
3. An increase in ambient air concentration that equals or exceeds the significant air quality effect level, as set forth in Table 1 of N.J.A.C. 7:27-18.4(a), in a nonattainment area for any air contaminant; or
4. A contravention of any other criterion established by the Department to protect human health and welfare and the environment.

(d) An air quality impact analysis and/or a risk assessment shall be conducted in accordance with a protocol approved in advance by the Department. The Department shall not approve a protocol unless it takes all relevant site-specific and general factors into account. These factors include, but are not limited to, a land use analysis, proper consideration of topography, a good engineering practice stack height analysis, use of the most recent version of EPA-approved models, identification of the most appropriate meteorological data, and consideration of all relevant averaging times. The protocol shall document how the person proposes to conduct the air quality impact analysis and/or risk assessment, and how the results will be presented to the Department. Technical guidance on the preparation of a protocol can be found in the Air Quality Permitting Program's Technical Manual 1002 (Guidance on Preparing an Air Quality Modeling Protocol) and Technical Manual 1003 (Guidance on Preparing a Risk Assessment for Air Contaminant Emissions). Additional technical guidance on preparing a protocol may be requested from:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
 Air Quality Permitting Program
 401 East State Street, 2nd Floor
 PO Box 027
 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0027
 Attention: Bureau of Air Quality Evaluation

New Rule, R.1998 d.231, effective May 4, 1998 (operative June 12, 1998).

See: 29 N.J.R. 3521(a), 30 N.J.R. 1563(b).

Former N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.5, Public comment, recodified to N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.10.

7:27-8.6 Service fees

(a) Every application, notice, or registration submitted to the Department shall be accompanied by the fee, if any, set forth in the Base Fee Tables below.

(b) After an application, notice or registration is submitted, the Department will invoice each applicant for any

additional fees due to the Department, assessed in accordance with the Base Fee Schedule and the Supplementary Fee Schedule below. The applicant shall submit any fees so assessed to the Department within 60 days of receipt of the invoice.

(c) The Base Fee Schedule and the Supplementary Fee Schedule apply to all applications, notices or registrations which are deemed administratively complete on or after the date on which this section is operative.

(d) If an application is denied or a permit is revoked, for any reason, and the applicant reapplies, the new application shall meet all application requirements, including the fee requirement.

(e) Any fee under this section that is subject to N.J.A.C. 7:1L shall be payable in installments in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:1L.

(f) Except for applications for sources at facilities subject to (g) below, a complete application fee for a preconstruction permit and certificate shall include both a preconstruction permit application fee and an operating certificate fee, as set forth below in the Base Fee Tables.

(g) The owner or operator of a facility subject to N.J.A.C. 7:27-22 is not required to pay the operating certificate fees set forth in Tables 1, 2, 5, 6 and 10 below after June 30, 1995. However, the owner or operator of a facility subject to N.J.A.C. 7:27-22 is required to maintain operating certificates for sources at the facility under this subchapter until the issuance of an operating permit for the facility. In addition, after June 30, 1995 the owner or operator shall pay fees in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.31 for any significant modification, as defined in the operating permit rules at N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.1, while the issuance of an operating permit for the facility is pending.

(h) Fees due to the Department may be paid by personal check, corporate check, or money order, made payable to "Treasurer, State of New Jersey."

(i) If both Category I and Category II sources are included in a single application, the Category I source(s) shall be subject to the Category I preconstruction permit fee, and the Category II source(s) shall be subject to the Category II preconstruction permit fee. All sources shall be subject to the Category II certificate fee.

(j) If one application for a Category II initial permit or permit revision includes multiple sources or control apparatus, there may in some cases be a fee for the additional sources or control apparatus. This subsection applies only to Category II initial permit applications under Table 2 below, and to Category II permit revisions under Table 6 below. Under those tables, the first significant source on the application is subject to a fee of \$500.00. If more than one source or control apparatus is included in the applica-

tion, there is no additional fee for the additional sources or control apparatus if they are identical (as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.1) to the first one, for which a fee is already being paid. If an additional significant source or control apparatus does not meet the definition of identical at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.1, the fee for the source or control apparatus is \$350.00. The following examples illustrate how to calculate these additional Category II fees under Tables 2 and 6:

1. An application which includes four identical boilers would require a fee of \$1,000: \$500.00 for the first boiler, no fee for the second, third and fourth identical boilers, and \$500.00 for the certificate fee;

2. An application which includes four different non-identical boilers would require a fee of \$2,050: \$500.00 for the first boiler, \$350.00 each for the second, third and fourth boilers, and \$500.00 for the certificate fee; and

3. An application which includes four identical reactors, served by four non-identical control apparatus, would require a fee of \$2,400: \$500.00 for the first boiler, no fee for the other three identical boilers, \$350.00 for the first control apparatus, \$350.00 each for the second, third, and fourth control apparatus, and \$500.00 for the certificate fee.

(k) There is no fee for an insignificant source, even if emissions from an insignificant source must be listed on an application under N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.4(g).

A. BASE FEE TABLES

Table 1
Category I permit fees

Activity	Basis	Amount
Preconstruction permit	Per application	\$100.00
Operating certificate	Per application	\$150.00
Total Category I initial permit fee		\$250.00

Table 2
Category II permit fees

Activity	Basis	Amount
Preconstruction permit	Per first significant source per application	\$500.00
Additional fee	Per each additional non-identical significant source or control apparatus on the same application ¹	\$350.00
Operating certificate	Per application	\$500.00
Total Category II initial permit fee		\$1,000 plus \$350 per additional non-identical significant source or control apparatus

¹See (j) above.

Table 3
Environmental improvement pilot test fees

Activity	Basis	Amount
Application for environmental improvement pilot test	Per Application or per renewal	\$250.00

Table 4
Registration Fees

Part 4a

General permit registration fees

Activity	Basis	Amount
Registration for authorization to act under a general permit under N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.8(c)	Per Registration	\$250.00

Part 4b

Used oil space heater registration fees

Activity	Basis	Amount
Registration for authorization to operate a used oil space heater under N.J.A.C. 7:27-20.3	Per Registration	\$250.00
Five year renewal for a used oil space heater under N.J.A.C. 7:27-20.3	Per Registration	\$250.00

Table 5
Category I permit revision fees

Activity	Basis	Amount
Preconstruction permit revision	Per revision application	\$100.00
Operating certificate revision	Per revision application	\$150.00
Total Category I permit revision fee		\$250.00

Table 6
Category II permit revision fees

Activity	Basis	Amount
Preconstruction permit revision	Per first changed significant source per permit revision application	\$500.00
Additional fee	Per each additional non-identical significant source or control apparatus being changed on the same permit revision application ²	\$350.00
Operating certificate revision	Per permit revision application	\$500.00
Total Category II permit revision fee		\$1,000 plus \$350 per additional non-identical significant source or control apparatus

²See (j) above.

Table 7
Compliance plan change fees

Activity	Basis	Amount
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Category I compliance plan change	Per application	\$ 50.00
Category II compliance plan change	Per application	\$250.00

Transfer of ownership under N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.21(b)2	Per Facility	\$ 50.00
Change in equipment or stack designation under N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.21(b)3	Per Preconstruction Permit	\$ 00.00
A change listed in N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.21(b)4, 5, 6, or 7	Per submitted amendment	\$200.00
Correction of a typographical error under N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.21(b)8	Per Preconstruction Permit	\$ 00.00

Table 8
Seven-day-notice change fees

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Basis</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Category I seven-day-notice change	Per notice	\$50.00
Category II seven-day-notice change	Per notice	\$250.00

Table 9
Amendment fees

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Basis</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Change in identifying information under N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.21(b)1	Per Preconstruction Permit	\$ 00.00

Table 10
Certificate Renewal fees

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Basis</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Category I	Per Operating Certificate	\$250.00
Category II	Per Operating Certificate	\$500.00

B. SUPPLEMENTARY FEE SCHEDULE

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Basis</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Prevention of Significant Deterioration		
a. Engineering Review	Per Applicable Air Contaminant	\$500.00
b. Implement Public Comment Requirement	Per Comment Period	500.00
2. Ambient Air Monitoring		
a. Review Protocol	Per Protocol	500.00
b. Inspect Monitoring Locations and Equipment Installation	Per Inspection	500.00
c. Review Quality Assurance Plan	Per Plan	500.00
d. Review Data	Per Required Report	500.00
3. Air Quality Impact Analysis		
a. Evaluate Protocol	Per Protocol	500.00
b. Review Screening Modeling	Per Review	500.00
c. Review Refined Modeling	Per Review	500.00
4. Risk Assessment		
a. Evaluate Protocol	Per Protocol	500.00
b. Review Risk Assessment	Per Review	500.00
5. Testing		
a. Evaluate Source-Specific Testing Protocol		
i. Process Materials Testing	Per Protocol	450.00
ii. Source Emission Testing	Per Protocol	500.00
b. On-site Monitoring of Sample Collection Pursuant to an Approved Source-Specific Testing Protocol		
i. Process Materials Testing	Per Collection Event	200.00
ii. Source Emissions Testing	Per Performance Test	500.00
c. Review Testing Report		
i. Process Materials Testing	Per Report	200.00
ii. Source Emissions Testing	Per Report	500.00
6. Audit Performance of Continuous Emission Monitors		
a. Evaluate Protocol	Per Protocol Per Permit	500.00
b. Observe Testing	Per Protocol Per Permit	500.00
c. Review Testing Report	Per Report	500.00
7. Periodic Compliance Inspection	Per Inspection Per Certificate	200.00

New Rule, R.1991 d.109, effective March 4, 1991 (operative March 31, 1991).
 See: 22 N.J.R. 292(a), 23 N.J.R. 723(a).
 Amended by R.1992 d.102, effective March 2, 1992 (operative March 28, 1992).
 See: 23 N.J.R. 1858(b), 24 N.J.R. 792(a).

Deleted references and fee schedule regarding mathematical combinations.
 Amended by R.1994 d.502, effective October 3, 1994 (operative October 31, 1994).
 See: 25 N.J.R. 3963(a), 25 N.J.R. 4836(a), 26 N.J.R. 793(a), 26 N.J.R. 3943(b).

Amended by R.1995 d.205, effective April 17, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 3922(a), 27 N.J.R. 1576(b).

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.11 and amended by R.1998 d.231, effective May 4, 1998 (operative June 12, 1998).

See: 29 N.J.R. 3521(a), 30 N.J.R. 1563(b).

Rewrote the section. Former N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.6, Denials, recodified to N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.14.

Amended by R.1999 d.428, effective December 6, 1999 (operative January 8, 2000).

See: 30 N.J.R. 4003(a), 31 N.J.R. 4016(a).

In the Base Fee Tables, changed Table 4 designation, inserted Table 4a designation and inserted Table 4b.

Amended by R.2002 d.53, effective February 4, 2002 (operative March 12, 2002).

See: 33 N.J.R. 3290(a), 34 N.J.R. 756(a).

In A. Base Fee Tables, rewrote Table 4, substituted "Part 4a" for "Table 4a", and "Part 4b" for "Table 4b".

7:27-8.7 Operating certificates

(a) In order to operate a source covered by a preconstruction permit, the source shall also be covered by an operating certificate, which authorizes operation of the source. The preconstruction permit application form also serves as the application form for the operating certificate, and the Department shall issue the preconstruction permit and operating certificate simultaneously, combined in one document.

(b) To obtain an operating certificate or a temporary operating certificate (see (d) below), an applicant shall follow the procedures for applying for a permit and certificate under N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.4.

(c) An operating certificate (except for a temporary operating certificate issued under (d) below) expires five years after the date the preconstruction permit for the source was issued.

(d) In some cases, the Department needs information obtained while a source is operating, such as stack testing results, in order to issue a final operating certificate. In such a case, the Department shall issue one of the following two types of temporary operating certificates:

1. A 90 day temporary operating certificate, which is valid for 90 days and may be renewed by the Department one or more times; or

2. A continuing temporary operating certificate, which continues in effect until the earliest of the following triggering events:

- i. The Department notifies the permittee that the operating certificate has been converted to a 90 day temporary operating certificate;

- ii. The Department issues a conventional operating certificate for the source; or

- iii. Five years has passed since the issuance of a preconstruction permit for the source.

(e) The operating certificate shall be renewed prior to its expiration if the source is to continue to operate. In order to ensure timely renewal of an operating certificate, an application for renewal of an operating certificate shall be made to the Department at least 90 days prior to the expiration date of the operating certificate. An application for renewal may be submitted electronically only if the entire permit application is, or has been, submitted to the Department through e-NJEMS prior to the submittal of the renewal application.

(f) Before renewing an operating certificate, the Department may require testing to ensure compliance with State and Federal air pollution control requirements.

New Rule, R.1991 d.109, effective March 4, 1991 (operative March 31, 1991).

See: 22 N.J.R. 292(a), 23 N.J.R. 723(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.502, effective October 3, 1994 (operative October 31, 1994).

See: 25 N.J.R. 3963(a), 25 N.J.R. 4836(a), 26 N.J.R. 793(a), 26 N.J.R. 3943(b).

Repeal and New Rule, R.1998 d.231, effective May 4, 1998 (operative June 12, 1998).

See: 29 N.J.R. 3521(a), 30 N.J.R. 1563(b).

Former N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.7, Approvals, repealed.

Amended by R.2002 d.53, effective February 4, 2002 (operative March 12, 2002).

See: 33 N.J.R. 3290(a), 34 N.J.R. 756(a).

In (e), substituted "e-NJEMS" for "AIMS".

7:27-8.8 General permits

(a) A general permit is a pre-approved permit and certificate which applies to a specific class of significant sources. By issuing a general permit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2C-9.2(h), the Department indicates that it approves the activities authorized by the general permit, provided that the owner or operator of the source registers with the Department and meets the requirements of the general permit. If a source belongs to a class of sources which qualify for a general permit, and the owner or operator of the source registers for the general permit and complies with this section, the registration satisfies the requirements at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.3 for a permit and certificate.

(b) A general permit may not be used to cover a source which is subject to PSD requirements under 40 CFR 52.21, or which is subject to emissions offsets requirements under N.J.A.C. 7:27-18.

(c) A general permit is available for the following sources:

1. One or more tanks and/or pumps used for storing and/or pumping gasoline, diesel fuel, or kerosene, located at a single service station (retail or non-retail), if the station:

- i. Receives gasoline, diesel fuel, or kerosene from a delivery vessel and puts it into a stationary storage tank;

- ii. Transfers gasoline from a storage tank into a gasoline vapor laden fuel tank;

- iii. Has Stage 1 vapor recovery equipment which complies with N.J.A.C. 7:27-16.3 on all gasoline tanks at the station; and
- iv. Has Stage 2 vapor recovery equipment which complies with N.J.A.C. 7:27-16 on all gasoline pumps at the station;
2. One or more pieces of woodworking equipment, located at the same facility, where all air contaminant emissions from the equipment are captured and vented to a particulate control apparatus with a minimum removal efficiency of 99 percent;
3. A single boiler with a maximum rated heat input of less than 10 million BTUs per hour, combusting natural gas, number 2 commercial fuel oil, propane, diesel or kerosene (and no other fuels);
4. A single emergency generator which operates no more than 500 hours per year, and which has a maximum rated heat input that is less than or equal to 15 million BTU per hour (generating approximately 1.5 megawatts of electricity) when the generator combusts diesel fuel, number 2 fuel oil or kerosene, or 40 million BTU per hour (generating approximately 4.0 megawatts of electricity) when the generator combusts natural gas or propane;
5. A bulk solid materials receiving and storage system, which uses pneumatic or mechanical conveying, where all particulate air contaminant emissions are captured and vented to a particulate control apparatus with a minimum removal efficiency of 99 percent;
6. One or more pieces of enclosed abrasive blasting equipment, located at the same facility, where all particulate air contaminant emissions from the equipment are captured and vented to a particulate control apparatus with a minimum removal efficiency of 99 percent;
7. A stationary storage tank which:
- i. Does not have a floating roof;
 - ii. Has a maximum capacity of 300,000 gallons; and
 - iii. Is used for storing VOC's with a vapor pressure within the applicable limit below:
 - (1) If the tank has a maximum capacity of 20,000 gallons or less, vapor pressure shall be less than 11.1 psia (pounds per square inch absolute) at 70 degrees Fahrenheit;
 - (2) If the tank has a maximum capacity of more than 20,000 gallons but less than or equal to 40,000 gallons, vapor pressure shall be less than 4.0 psia at 70 degrees Fahrenheit; or
 - (3) If the tank has a maximum capacity of more than 40,000 gallons but less than or equal to 300,000 gallons, less than .75 psia at 70 degrees Fahrenheit;
8. A soil vapor extraction system or a groundwater air stripping system used for the remediation of a gasoline-contaminated vehicle fueling station at one of the following types of locations:
- i. A current or former gasoline retail station;
 - ii. A municipal, county or State garage;
 - iii. A police or fire department;
 - iv. A commercial or industrial site; or
 - v. A property adjacent to an approved remediation site, provided the remediation activities are relevant to the adjacent property and are conducted concurrently with the remediation activities of the approved site; and
9. A single or multiple external combustion unit with a maximum rated heat input of less than 10 million BTUs per hour, firing natural gas, propane, kerosene, diesel oil, or number 2 fuel oil (and no other fuels).
- (d) For each general permit, the Department shall provide a registration form, the general permit itself, and a document entitled "General Procedures for General Permits."
- (e) The registration form shall include instructions for completing the form. The registration form shall require information identifying the registrant, identifying the source(s) which shall be covered by the registration, showing that the source meets the criteria for the general permit, and showing that the source will be operated in accordance with the general permit. In many cases, the registration form shall require the registrant to choose from among different options tailored to the source's size, operating characteristics, fuel used, and other parameters. Once the source is described or an option selected on the registration form, the registrant shall continue to operate the source within the parameters of the description and/or the selected option. The registration form shall require the registrant to certify the truth and accuracy of the information on the form. The certification shall meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:27-1.39.
- (f) The general permit shall include all of the conditions and requirements which must be met in order to act under the authority of the general permit, including:
1. A description of the class of significant sources which qualify for the general permit, including an explanation of how many of each type of source may be covered by one general permit registration;
 2. All requirements which apply to the source and which are satisfied by the general permit;
 3. Any monitoring, recordkeeping or reporting requirements;
 4. If applicable, standards the source must meet to comply with N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.12, State of the art; and
 5. Citations to the laws or rules which form the basis for the requirements listed in (f)2 through 4 above.
- (g) The "General Procedures for General Permits" shall apply to all general permits, and shall include instructions for the use general permits, a list of available general permits, and citations to regulatory provisions that apply to the use of general permits.

(h) Some general permits apply to only one source, while others may apply to a class of sources located at the same facility. Each general permit shall specify whether it applies to a group or to a single source. If a general permit applies to only one source, and if several sources at one facility qualify for that general permit, a separate registration, including a fee, shall be submitted for each source.

(i) The authority to act under a general permit begins upon the registrant's receipt of proof of the Department's receipt of the properly completed registration form (including the registration fee specified at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.6). This proof can be a certified mail receipt, or a copy of the Department's written acknowledgment, issued under (k) below. A registrant may continue to act under the general permit for five years after the date of the proof of receipt, unless:

1. A shorter term is specified in the general permit or the General Procedures for General Permits; or
2. The Department amends the general permit based on a change to a law or regulation in accordance with (n) below.

(j) The registrant is fully responsible for ensuring that the requirements of the general permit, the General Procedures for General Permits, and this section are complied with. If an owner or operator has registered a source under a general permit and the registration is incorrect or deficient, the owner or operator may be liable for penalties for acting without a permit or certificate. Examples of ways a registration might be incorrect or deficient include: if the registered source does not qualify for the general permit; if the registration was improperly completed; or if the registration did not include a key element such as required information or the correct fee.

(k) The Department shall send an acknowledgment when a registration, including the appropriate fee, is received. However, the acknowledgment only indicates that the Department received the registration, and does not mean that the Department has reviewed or approved the registration. Therefore, if the registration is incorrect or deficient, the Department's acknowledgment does not in any way relieve the owner or operator from liability for penalties for any unauthorized activities.

(l) A registrant shall operate within the conditions of the general permit. If the registration form allows the registrant to choose a particular option tailored to the source, the registrant shall operate the source within the parameters set forth in that option. Failure to operate within the parameters of the chosen option and within the general permit conditions shall constitute violation of a permit. If a registrant wants to make a change to a source which has been registered under a general permit, a new general permit registration is required, unless the changed source would remain within the class of sources which qualify for the general permit, and the source would continue to be operated in accordance with the parameters set forth in the option chosen in the registration.

(m) To issue a general permit, or to amend an existing one, the Department shall draft a new or amended registration form and general permit, and shall publish a notice in the New Jersey Register that these documents are available for review and comment. When the comment period closes, the Department shall incorporate any changes the Department deems appropriate. The Department shall then announce the final general permit, and add it to the list of sources in (c) above, through a notice of administrative change published in the New Jersey Register.

(n) If the Department changes an existing general permit, it shall notify each person who has registered under the general permit. The registrant shall comply with any applicable new requirements as follows:

1. If the change to the general permit is required by a statute or regulation, a registrant shall comply by the date required for compliance in the statute or regulation. If the registrant cannot comply by that date, the registrant must stop operating the source or obtain by that date a source-specific permit and certificate which authorizes continued operation; and
2. If the change to the general permit is not required by a statute or regulation, a registrant shall comply by the date which is 90 days after the date that the notice was received from the Department or the date when the registration, whichever is later. Thereafter, the registrant shall comply with the changed general permit.

(o) A person who wishes to register a source under a general permit may obtain the registration form, the general permit, and the General Procedures for General Permits, at the address in N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.4(b).

New Rule, R.1998 d.231, effective May 4, 1998 (operative June 12, 1998).

See: 29 N.J.R. 3521(a), 30 N.J.R. 1563(b).

Former N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.8, Conditions of approval, recodified to N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.13.

Public Notice: Draft General Permits comment opportunity.

See: 32 N.J.R. 605(a).

Administrative change.

See: 32 N.J.R. 2081(b).

Added (c)8.

Public Notice: Draft General Permits comment opportunity.

See: 33 N.J.R. 590(a).

Administrative change.

See: 33 N.J.R. 1377(a).

Public Notice: Air Quality Permit clarification of terminology.

See: 33 N.J.R. 3221(a).

Amended by R.2002 d.53, effective February 4, 2002 (operative March 12, 2002).

See: 33 N.J.R. 3290(a), 34 N.J.R. 756(a).

In (c), substituted "propane, diesel or kerosene" for "or both fuels" in 3, and inserted "number 2 fuel oil or kerosene," following "diesel fuel" and added "or propane" in 4.

Administrative change.

See: 34 N.J.R. 2804(a).

Public Notice: Draft General Permits comment opportunity.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3415(b).

7:27-8.9 Environmental improvement pilot tests

(a) A person may seek approval for a preconstruction permit and certificate for an environmental improvement

pilot test, as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.1, of air pollution control equipment or other environmental clean-up equipment under this section.